

The National Junior Beta Club ~ Murray Barber Middle School

Information Sheet & Application for Prospective Members

What is the BETA CLUB?

The National Junior Beta Club is an honor organization that recognizes outstanding academic achievement, promotes strong moral character and social responsibility, encourages service to others, fosters leadership skills, and provides settings for students to develop strong interpersonal skills.

Who qualifies for membership in the BMS JUNIOR BETA CLUB?

Seventh and eighth grade students with a grade point average of 3.5 (a minimal average of half 'A's and half 'B's in all courses), who also exemplify strong character, and have maintained role model behavior throughout the last school year are eligible to apply for membership.

What are the requirements of membership?

Each member must attend at least two-thirds of our monthly meetings (two Thursdays a month before school) and participate in at least two service projects. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in as many projects as possible since this is the key to leadership development within our organization.

What are the dues for members?

Dues are \$25. This includes a one-time national induction fee of \$15 that will be collected prior to induction and a \$10 local school fee this year to pay for club expenses and events held during the school year, including one annual Service Project. 7th grade students who are accepted are automatically accepted in 8th grade. You can explore the National Beta Club website at www.betacub.org to learn more about the benefits that are included in the induction fee.

How do I apply for membership?

If you desire to fulfill the Beta Club participation and service requirements, please complete the application form on the Beta Club wiki – <http://barberbeta.wikispaces.com>, and ask two teachers to complete the attached recommendation forms. At least one of the recommending teachers should be from last year, unless you are new to Barber Middle School. If you are new to Barber, please give both forms to current **academic** teachers. Recommendations will be given directly to Ms. Alexander by the teacher – the teacher will NOT return the form to the student.

Applications must be submitted by September 1, 2016.

How will I know I have been accepted into the Beta Club?

Invitations for accepted students will be distributed during ELT on **September 15, 2016**. After invitations are distributed, you will have until **October 3, 2016** to return your induction sheet to Ms. Alexander and place your dues in the black box.

Student Applicant: Please cut on dotted lines, **place your name and the teacher's name on each recommendation form**, and give to one of your academic teachers from this year and to one of your academic teachers from last year. If you are new to Barber this year, give both forms to current **academic** teachers.

Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to the MBMS Beta Club

Student, write your name here: _____

Name of Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Please rate the following categories on a scale of 1-5; 1 being "very low" and 5 being "commendable":

Category	Rating
Moral Integrity (Has no record of cheating or intentional dishonesty.)	_____
Service Orientation (Willing to help others in our school community.)	_____
Industrious Attitude (Willing to go the extra mile)	_____
Role Model (Is an outstanding role model to peers. Upholds school ideals.)	_____
Additional Comments:	

Teacher Signature: _____

Do NOT return this form to the student/applicant.

Please place this recommendation form in Melanie Alexander's mailbox no later than 9/2/2016.

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Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to the MBMS Beta Club

Student, write your name here: _____

Name of Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Please rate the following categories on a scale of 1-5; 1 being "very low" and 5 being "commendable":

Category	Rating
Moral Integrity (Has no record of cheating or intentional dishonesty.)	_____
Service Orientation (Willing to help others in our school community.)	_____
Industrious Attitude (Willing to go the extra mile)	_____
Role Model (Is an outstanding role model to peers. Upholds school ideals.)	_____
Additional Comments:	

Teacher Signature: _____

Do NOT return this form to the student/applicant.

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